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REMARKS

Claims 3-10, 13-14, 18-19, and 21-23 have been amended.

Claims 11-12 have been withdrawn. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-10 and 13-23 will be pending in the application.

No new matter is being introduced by the present amendment.

Response to Election of Species Requirement

In response to the species election requirement, applicants hereby elect Species II (i.e., a damper as shown in Fig. 4 as the insert 25 located at one end of the guide opening) on which claims 1-10 and 13-23 read. Based on this election of species, claims 11-12 are withdrawn from consideration.

In accordance with MPEP 809.02(c), applicants understand withdrawn claims 11-12 directed to a species other than the elected species will be entitled to consideration upon allowance of a generic claim from which they depend (e.g., claims 9 and 10).

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, favorable consideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for a one month extension of time (\$120.00) to Deposit Account No. 19-1345. The Commissioner is requested to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,



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